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A BIRD IN THE HAND!

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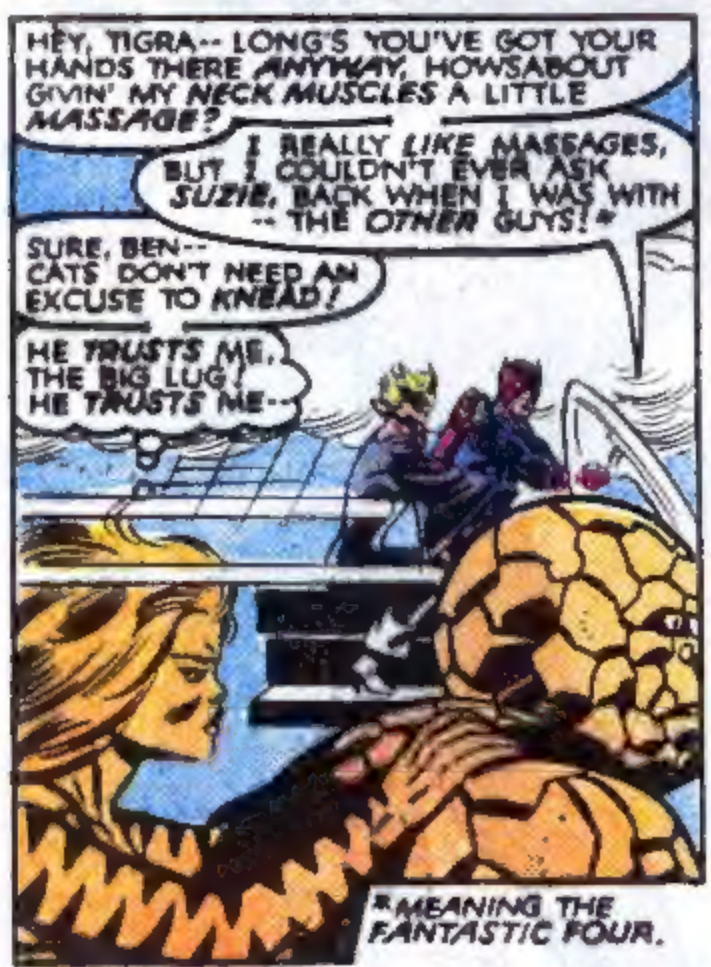
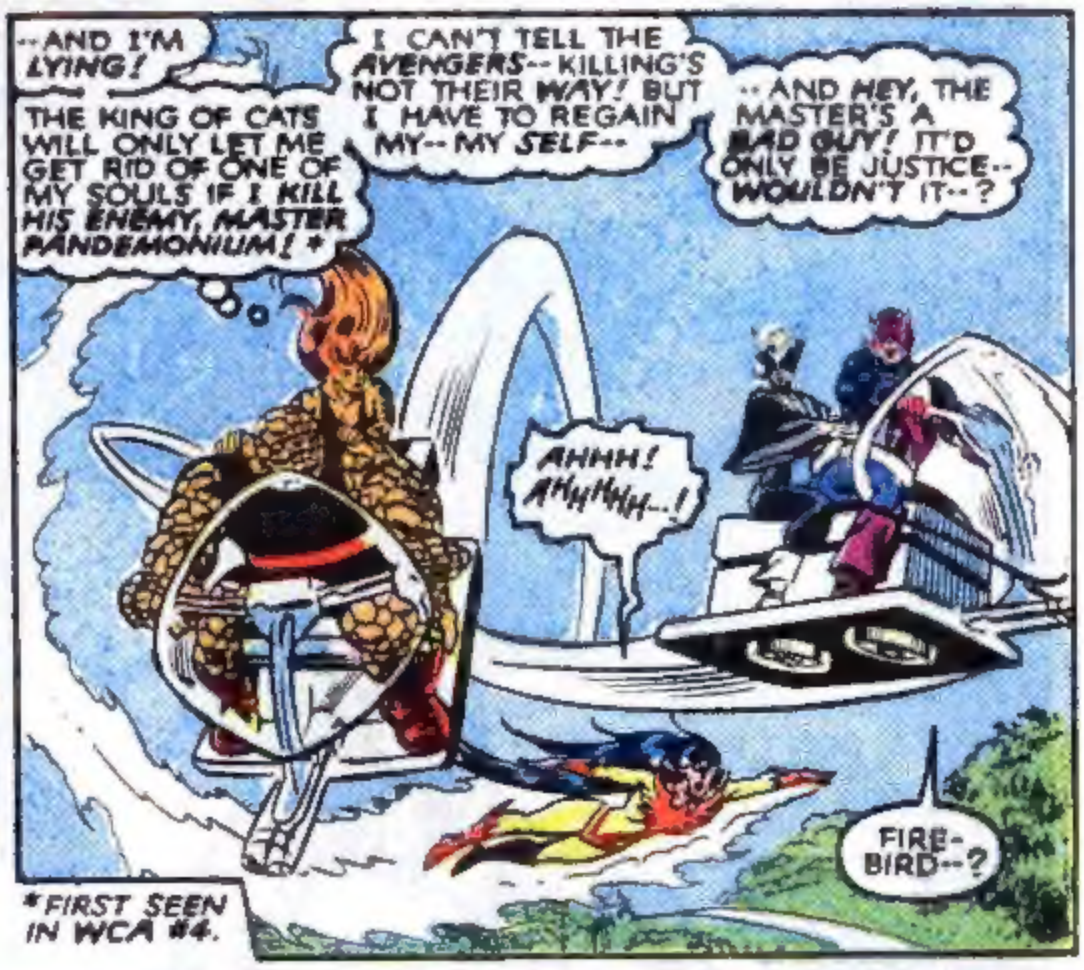
BUT THEY DID-- YOU SEE? THEY MADE A BARGAIN AND THEY STUCK TO IT!
AND AFTER THEY, uh, DO A LITTLE RESEARCH, THEY'RE GOING TO TURN ME BACK TO GREER NELSON!
YES, TIGRA-- SO YOU'VE TOLD US!
Aw C'MON, BONITA-- IF YOU COULDN'T LIGHTEN UP AT THE PUSSYCAT'S PARTY, YOU OUGHTA BE ABLE TO NOW!
YEAH MAYBE, THING-- BUT SHE DOES HAVE A SORTA SIXTH SENSE FOR WEIRDNESS--!

ME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I GOT-- BUT SOMETHING ABOUT TIGRA'S STORY BOTHERS ME, TOO!
IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN THE OPEN AIR AFTER THE CAT-PEOPLE'S "LAND WITHIN," ISN'T IT, HAWKYPOO?
AIR-SCHMAIR, BOBBI! I WANT THE OPEN POOL!


HEY, TIGRA-- LONG'S YOU'VE GOT YOUR HANDS THERE ANYWAY, HOWSABOUT GIVIN' MY NECK MUSCLES A LITTLE MASSAGE?
I REALLY LIKE MASSAGES, BUT I COULDN'T EVER ASK SUZIE, BACK WHEN I WAS WITH -- THE OTHER GUYS!*
SURE, BEN-- CATS DON'T NEED AN EXCUSE TO KNEAD!
HE TRUSTS ME, THE BIG LUG! HE TRUSTS ME--
*MEANING THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

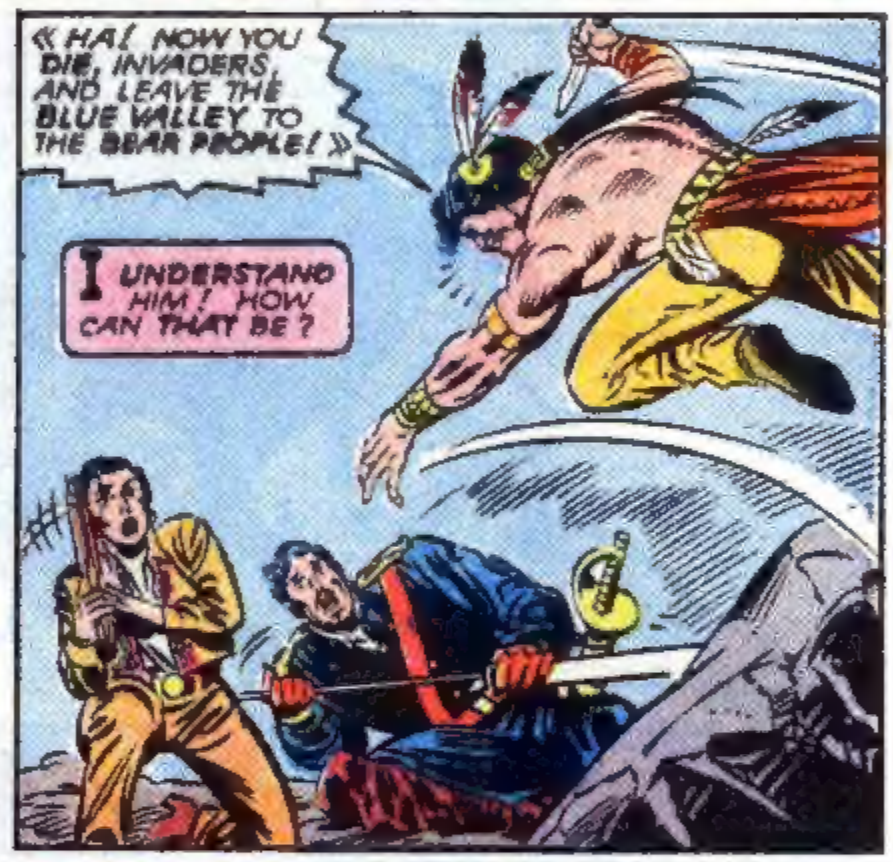

--AND I'M LYING!
THE KING OF CATS WILL ONLY LET ME GET RID OF ONE OF MY SOULS IF I KILL HIS ENEMY, MASTER PANDEMONIUM! *
I CAN'T TELL THE AVENGERS-- KILLING'S NOT THEIR WAY! BUT I HAVE TO REGAIN MY-- MY SELF--
--AND HEY, THE MASTER'S A BAD GUY! IT'D ONLY BE JUSTICE-- WOULDN'T IT--?
AHHH! AHHHHH--!
FIRE-BIRD--?
*FIRST SEEN IN WCA #4.

"FIREBIRD? WHAT'S THE MATTER--?"
I AM-- I AM ON A HORSE!
WHY, I'M ON ESCARLATTA, RIDING THE MISSION TRAIL TO SAN LUIS ABISPO--

--AND THE HEAT IS SO INTENSE--!
< BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE, eh, SENORITA? >
< VERY BEAUTIFUL, CAPITANO! AND WHAT WOULD I HAVE SEEN OF IT INSIDE A COACH WITH MY CHAPERONE? >
< OH, I HAVE NO COMPLAINT ABOUT YOUR DARING-- >
<--CARLOTTA! >

AWAWAWA!
<THE INDIANS! TAKE COVER, MEN! >

< I TOLD YOU TO TAKE COVER, SENORITA! >
< IT WAS "CARLOTTA" A MOMENT AGO, CAPTAIN-- AND YOU TOLD THE MEN TO TAKE COVER, NOT ME! >
< YOU NEED EVERY GUN YOU CAN GET! >


« HA! NOW YOU DIE, INVADERS, AND LEAVE THE BLUE VALLEY TO THE BEAR PEOPLE! »
I UNDERSTAND HIM! HOW CAN THAT BE?

FORGET IT! SHOOT!
KRAK!

< MANY THANKS, SEN-- CARLOTTA! YOU SAVED MY LIFE! >
< IT'S NOT OVER YET, CAPTAIN! >
< MAKE THAT DON DIEGO-- "SENORITA"! >

KRAK

I'M SHOT— THE PAIN!
OH MY DEAR GOD, THE PAIN!!
BUT WHO--

--WHO--

--QUIENNNNNN--?
BONITA, WHAT'S WRONG?
SHE'S FLIPPED OUT!
I'LL WRAP HER UP IF SHE STARTS TO FALL!

WAIT--WAIT--! I-- I HAD--
--A DREAM, I GUESS-- OR PERHAPS A--
--VISION--!
A VISION? HE'S IN NEW JERSEY!
THAT'S-- THAT'S WHAT MADE ME SCREAM!
SORRY-- BAD JOKE! WHAT WAS IT YOU SAW?

I WAS TURNING MY HEAD, BUT I COULDN'T SEE!
SOMEONE WAS A TRAITOR, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO!

WELL, NEITHER TIGRA NOR ANYONE ELSE KNOWS QUITE WHAT TO MAKE OF THAT, THOUGH THEY FLY THE REST OF THE WAY HOME MULLING IT OVER!

AND WHEN THEY COME TO THINK OF IT, NONE OF THEM QUITE KNOWS WHAT TO MAKE OF FIREBIRD, EITHER!

HELLOO, AVENGERS! HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU!

YEAH? ALL GOOD, I HOPE!

BETTER THAN "GOOD," HAWKEYE!

ULTRON'S DEAD-- FOR KEEPS THIS TIME-- AND I KILLED HIM!

WHUT?

WHAT?

SO HE DOES, SKETCHING THE THINGS WE SAW HIM DO LAST ISSUE-- AND WHEN HE'S FINISHED...

TELL US EVERY-THING, WONDER MAN!

YAHOO! THAT'S THE KIND OF NEWS THAT'LL JUST ABOUT MAKE YOUR DAY!

YOU SAID IT, BOBBI-BIRD! THAT OVERGROWN TIN CAN'S BEEN TRYIN' TO TIE HIM-SELF TO OUR TAIL FOR YEARS!*

SIMON, THAT'S FABU-LOUS! NOW I CAN STOP WORRYING ABOUT LETTING HIM GET AWAY FROM US!**

GOOD HEAVENS! I WISH I'D MET THIS ROBOT--!

BELIEVE ME, LADY-- YOU DON'T!

*SINCE AVENGERS #57.
**SEE WCA #3.

LISTEN, SIMON-- HAVE YOU TOLD THE EAST COASTERS YET?

NO, CLINT!

AWRIGHT! THEN WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER!

THIS'LL BLOW THEIR MINDS! THIS IS SOMETHIN' THE WEST COAST AVENGERS DID THAT THEY NEVER COULD!

WELL-- ME AS A PART OF THE WEST COAST AVENGERS--!

AND THERE'S MORE TO IT!

HANK HAD COME TO SEE ULTRON MARK TWELVE AS A SORT OF SON, AND HE'S PRETTY DOWN ABOUT LOSING HIM!

IRON MAN'S HAVING A TALK WITH HIM--!

AWW, THE POOR GUY!

DON'T ANY-THING EVER WORK OUT FOR PYM?

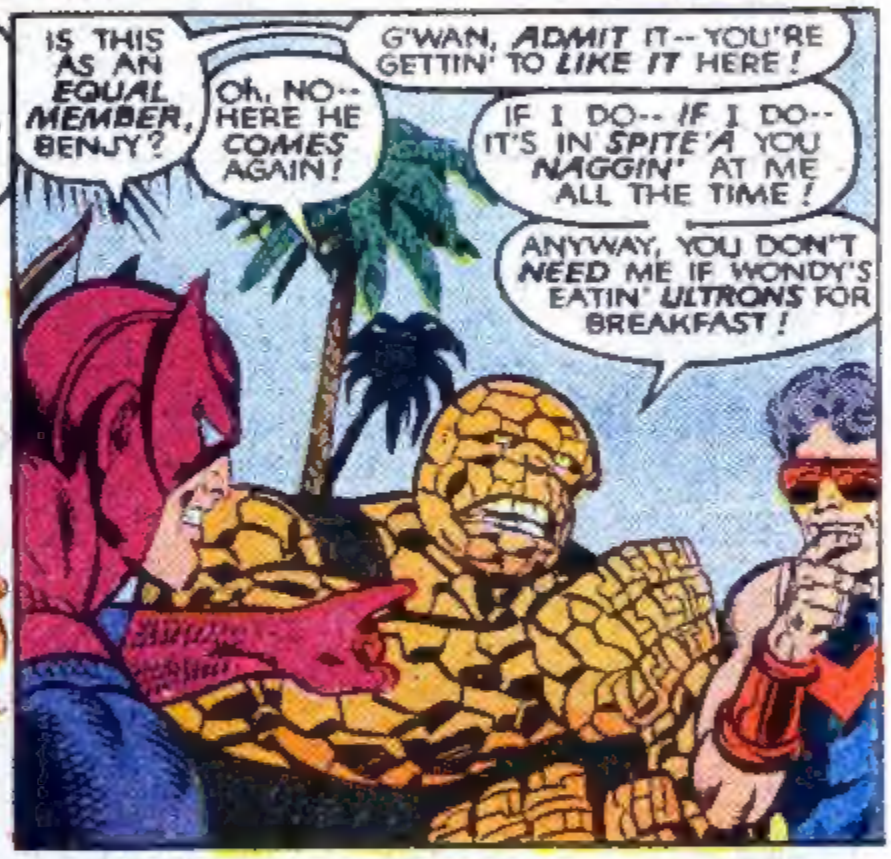
I'M GLAD SHELL-HEAD WAS HERE FOR HIM! THEY GO BACK TO THE START OF US ALL!

MAYBE HANK SHOULDN'T HAVE COME BACK AFTER ALL!

I HAVE TO TELL YOU ONE MORE THING, AVENGERS-- A SECOND POSITIVE THING IN THE MIDST OF THAT SADNESS!
I FOUGHT MY FIRST MAJOR BATTLE SINCE I CONFESSED MY GUILT TO THE NATION AND STARTED REBUILDING MYSELF--*
*WCA #4.

--AND I WAS DYNAMITE!
ULTRON-11 HAD VAST POWER, AND I SHOOK HIM APART LIKE HE WAS AN EGG CARTON!

WE ALWAYS KNEW YOU HAD THAT STRENGTH, SIMON-- IT WAS ONLY YOUR FEAR THAT HELD YOU BACK!
LISTEN, WONDY, I'LL GIVE YA TWO FALLS OUTTA THREE SOMETIME, JUST TA SEE HOW STRONG YA REALLY ARE!
ANYWAY, THAT MEANS WE WON TWO AND LOST ONE! NOT BAD OVERALL, THOUGH I DO WISH HANK HADN'T HAD TO EAT IT AGAIN!
YOU'RE ON!


IS THIS AS AN EQUAL MEMBER, BENJY?
OH, NO-- HERE HE COMES AGAIN!
G'WAN, ADMIT IT-- YOU'RE GETTIN' TO LIKE IT HERE!
IF I DO-- IF I DO-- IT'S IN SPITE'A YOU NAGGIN' AT ME ALL THE TIME!
ANYWAY, YOU DON'T NEED ME IF WONDY'S EATIN' ULTRONS FOR BREAKFAST!

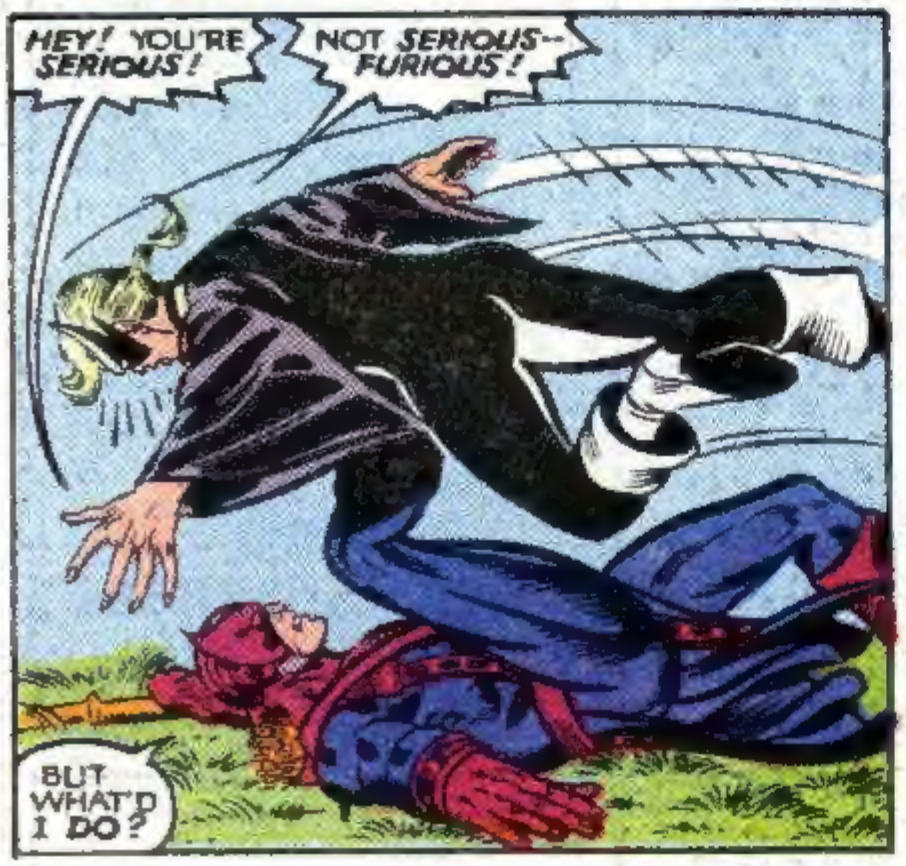
WRONG, PUMPKIN-BREATH! YOU AND SIMON TOGETHER COULD REALLY SET L.A. ON ITS EAR! TWO FABULOUS AVENGERS, WHO ARE MEDIA STARS TO BOOT!
SIX MONTHS TOPS AND PEOPLE'D SAY "THE THING WAS IN THE FF? REALLY? WHO WERE THEY?"
Humph!

UH-- COULD I SEE YOU IN PRIVATE FOR A MINUTE, SPORT?
WELL... CAN IT WAIT, BOBBI?
NO!

--OKAY, I GUESS THE OUTDOOR WORKOUT AREA'S PRIVATE, SO WHAT CAN I DO FOR YA?
IF I TOLD YOU WHAT YOU COULD DO--!

MISTER, I'M SO MAD I COULD SPIT!
GET YOUR DUKES UP!
PARDON ME? HAVE I MISSED A CHAPTER SOMEWHERE?

YOU'VE MISSED THE WHOLE ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA, GRAPE-FACE! AND EITHER I WORK OUT MY FRUSTRATIONS THIS WAY OR WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO DIVORCE COURT!


HEY! YOU'RE SERIOUS!
NOT SERIOUS--FURIOUS!
BUT WHAT'D I DO?

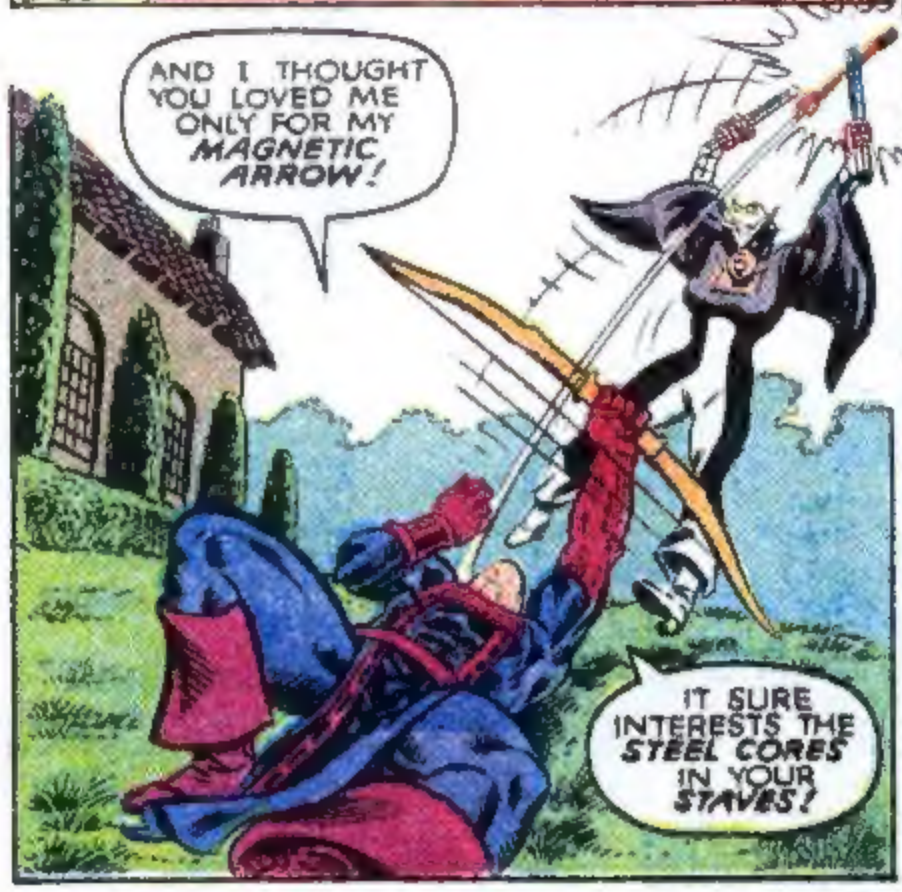
YOU'VE BEEN TREATING FIREBIRD LIKE A GHOST, THAT'S WHAT!
THE THING KEEPS TELLING YOU HE ISN'T GOING TO JOIN THIS GROUP, WHILE THAT LADY WOULD TURN SOMERSAULTS IF YOU'D ASK HER--
--BUT YOU ACT LIKE SHE ISN'T EVEN THERE!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! I KNOW SHE'S THERE, BUT BENJY SHOWED UP FIRST!
AND HE'S THE THING! WE KNOW WHAT HE CAN DO, AND WE DON'T KNOW HER!
KLANG!
WE KNOW SHE'S DONE WELL IN EVERY FIGHT SHE'S JOINED US IN!

AND HOW MANY PEOPLE KNEW WHAT I COULD DO WHEN I BECAME AN AVENGER?
SHE WANTS TO JOIN --ANYBODY WITH ANY SENSITIVITY CAN SEE THAT! SO WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER?
BECAUSE I WANT THE THING!
THE AVENGER BY-LAWS ONLY ALLOW US ONE MORE MEMBER, AND SINCE I GET TO CHOOSE, I CHOOSE HIM!

SHE'S GOOD! SHE IS! BUT HACK! HACK!
GOTTA GET OUTTA THIS GAS--!

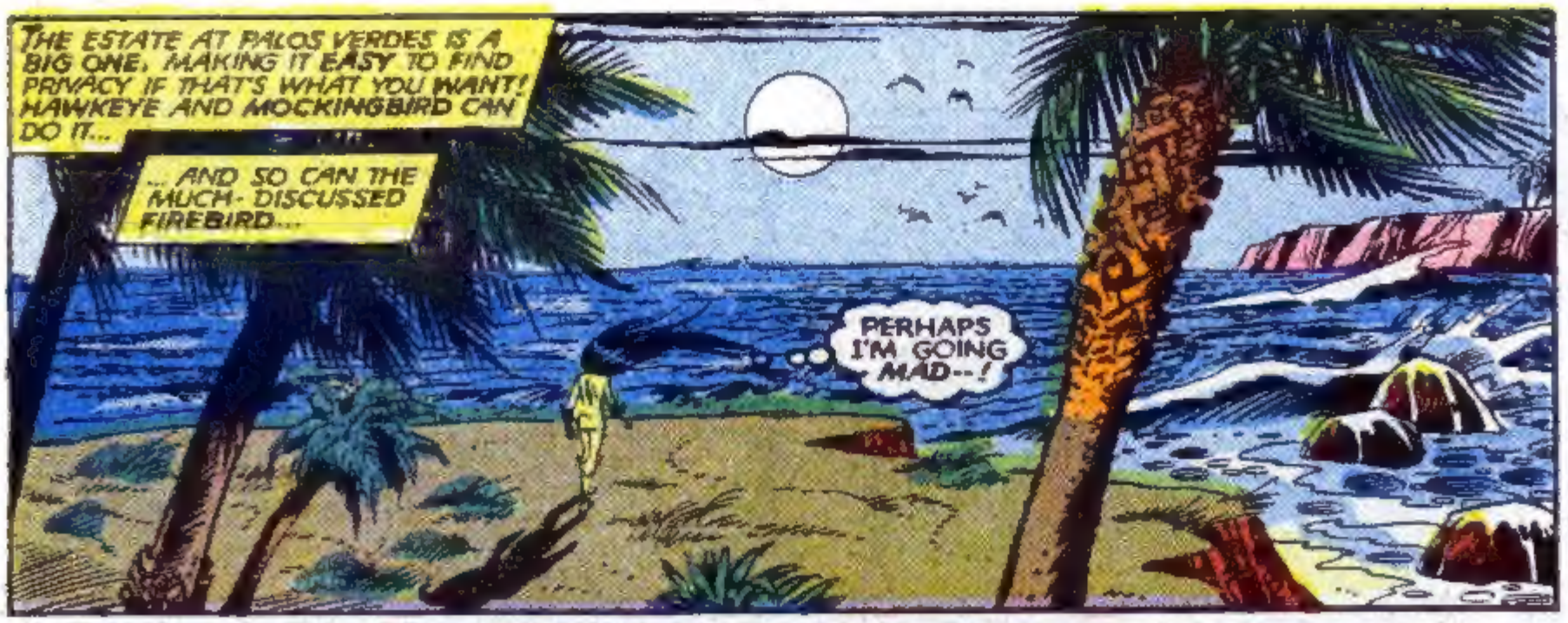
THE THING'S BEGINNING TO CRACK, BOBBI! COULDN'T YOU TELL FROM THE WAY HE TURNED ME DOWN THIS TIME?
WHAT A MIND!


AND I THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME ONLY FOR MY MAGNETIC ARROW!
IT SURE INTERESTS THE STEEL CORES IN YOUR STAVES!

NOW THEN--!
HERE'S MY BEST OFFER, BOBBI-BIRD! I'LL ASK HIM ONE MORE TIME, AND IF HE STILL SAYS NO I'LL-- THINK ABOUT HER!
HAWKEYE--!

Oh, ALL RIGHT-- IF HE SAYS NO I'LL DEFINITELY ASK HER! HAPPY?
I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR--

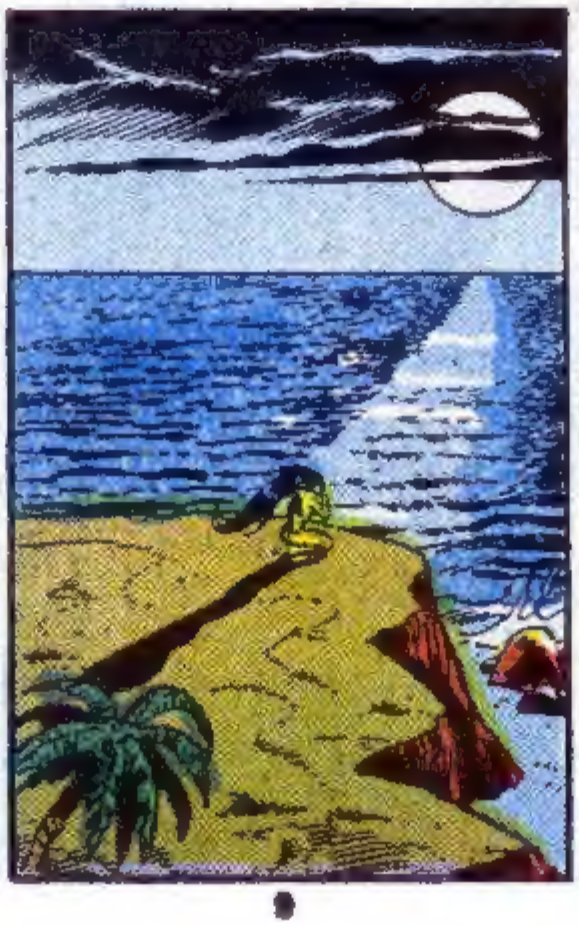
--BUT WE'RE GETTING THERE...!


THE ESTATE AT PALOS VERDES IS A BIG ONE, MAKING IT EASY TO FIND PRIVACY IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT! HAWKEYE AND MOCKINGBIRD CAN DO IT...
... AND SO CAN THE MUCH-DISCUSSED FIREBIRD...
PERHAPS I'M GOING MAD--!

BEFORE THE FIRE FELL FROM THE HEAVENS AND CHANGED ME, I NEVER HAD VISIONS-- OR ANY OF THE STRANGE FEELINGS THAT SURGE THROUGH ME NOW WHEN I ENCOUNTER EVIL!
I'M A GOOD GIRL! I NEVER MISSED MASS ANY SUNDAY OF MY LIFE, OR FAILED TO CONFESS MY SINS--

--SO WHY HAVE YOU GIVEN ME THIS POWER, WITHOUT THE UNDERSTANDING TO USE IT WISELY AND WELL IN YOUR SERVICE?
I WANT TO DO GOOD, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY ISN'T HERE! THE AVENGERS WILL NOT TAKE ME--!

OH MOST HOLY FATHER, PLEASE TELL ME WHAT TO DO--!



YES... YES, IT'S THE ONLY WAY...

BUT THOUGH THE GUSTS HAVE BEGUN TO BLOW AROUND FIREBIRD AT THE OCEAN'S EDGE, THE AIR INLAND REMAINS HEAVY AND STILL, QUIET AND CLOSE--

--TILL A LOW WHISTLING NOISE IS HEARD TO THE SOUTHWEST--

WONDER MAN!

-- AND THEN THE AIR GETS RIPPED!

I NEVER UNDERSTOOD! I NEVER KNEW WHAT IT MEANT--!

WONDER MAN!

THE MAN OF WONDERS!

THE IONIC ENERGY NEARLY KILLED ME! COMBINED WITH MY FESTERING GUILT FOR TURNING CRIMINAL, THE NEAR-DEATH FIXATED ME-- MADE ME AFRAID!

BUT THE IONIC ENERGY CHANGED ME, TOO--

--AND FINALLY, I CAN TURN TO THAT!

I DEMOLISHED ULTRON, AND HE'S ONE OF THE STRONGEST--

POW!

HUH? WAS THAT A BULLET?

SAVINGS AND LOAN LOS ANGELES

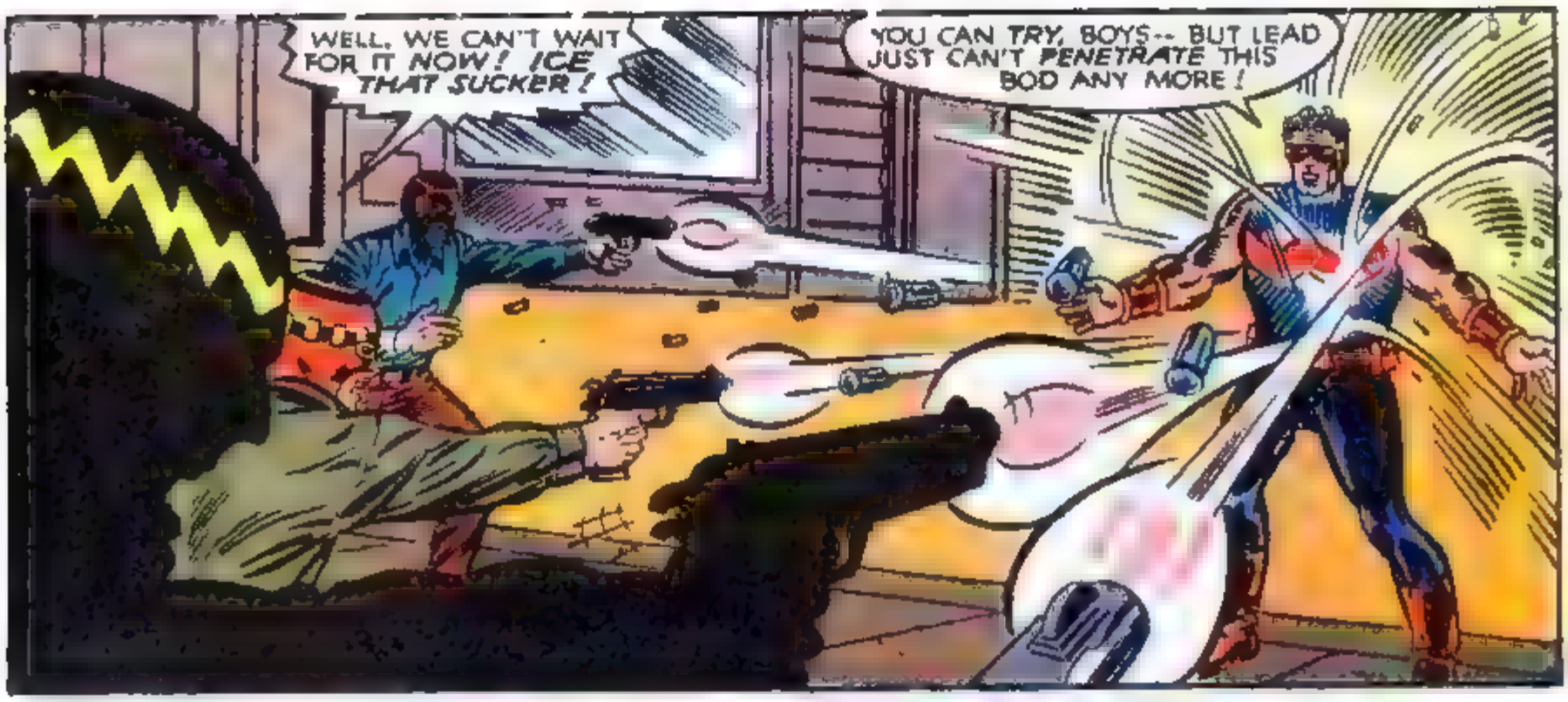
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW --IT WAS! THOSE GUYS TOOK A SHOT AT ME!

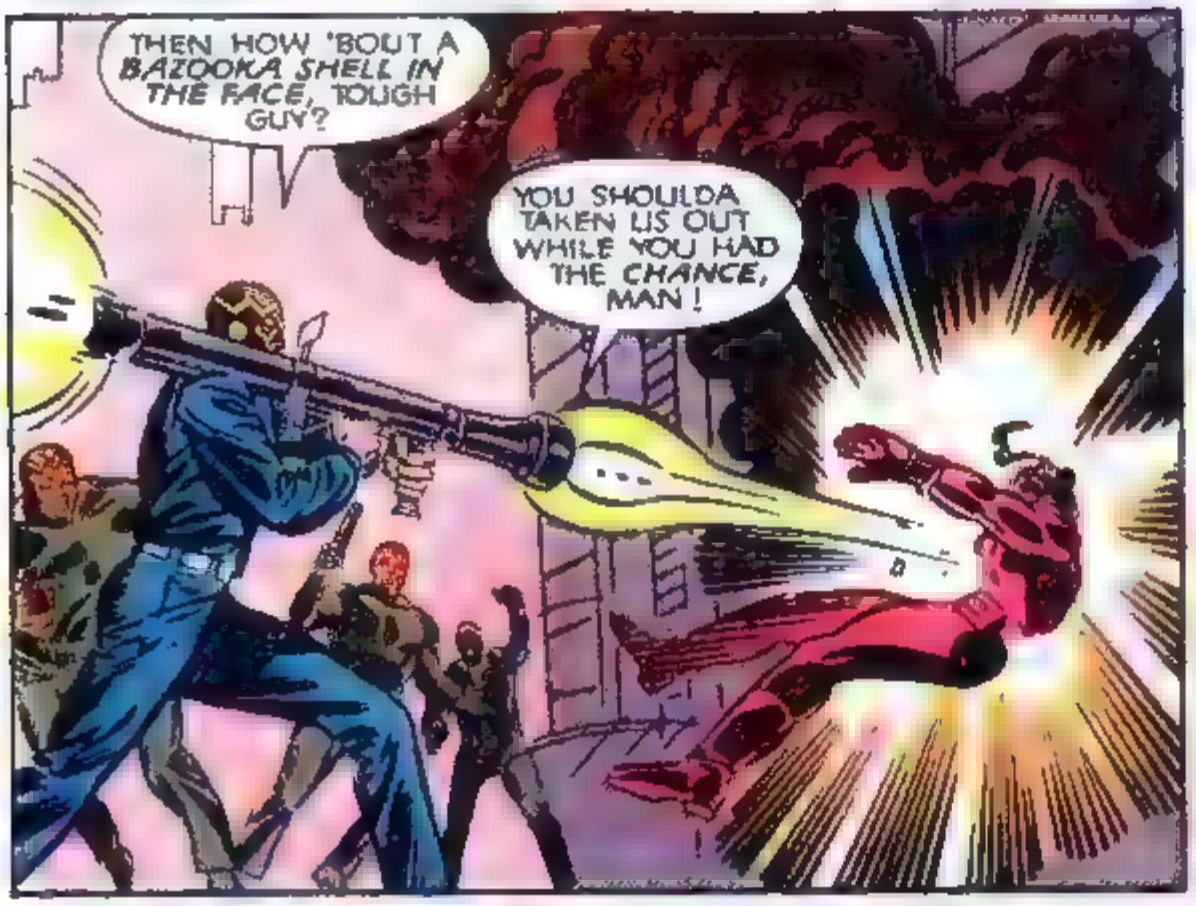
GOOD! I'M READY FOR SOME ACTION!

YOU IDIOT! HE MIGHT NOT'A SEEN US!

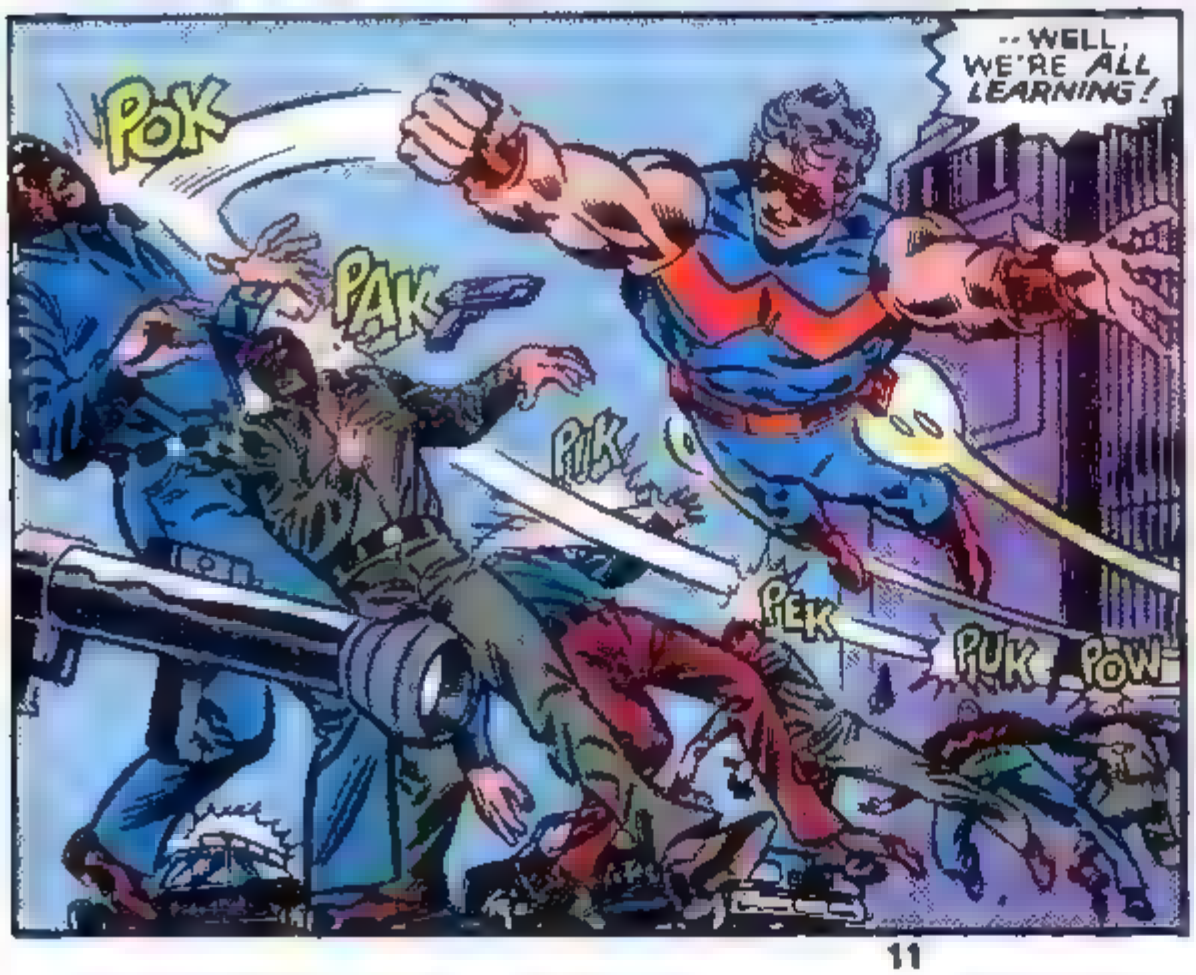
HOW LONG TILL THE BAZOOKA RECYCLES?!

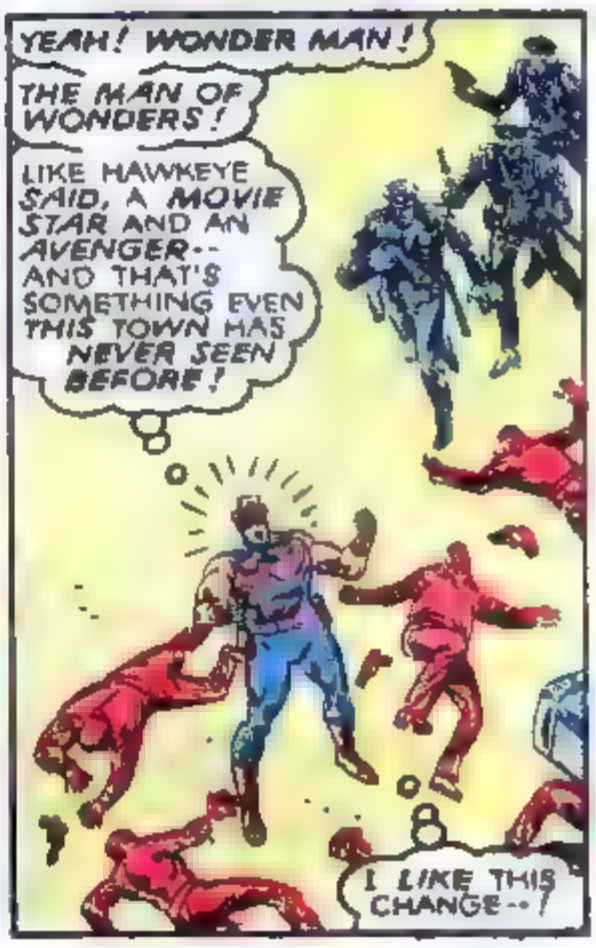
COUPLA SECONDS MAX--!


WELL, WE CAN'T WAIT FOR IT NOW! ICE THAT SUCKER!
YOU CAN TRY, BOYS-- BUT LEAD JUST CAN'T PENETRATE THIS BOD ANY MORE!


THEN HOW 'BOUT A BAZOOKA SHELL IN THE FACE, TOUGH GUY?
YOU SHOULDA TAKEN US OUT WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE, MAN!

WELL, I'LL ADMIT THAT THAT WASN'T LIKE A WALK IN THE PARK -- BUT IF YOU THINK IT COMES EVEN CLOSE TO HURTING ME--


--WELL, WE'RE ALL LEARNING!
POK
PAK
PUK
PEK
PUK
POW


YEAH! WONDER MAN!
THE MAN OF WONDERS!
LIKE HAWKEYE SAID, A MOVIE STAR AND AN AVENGER-- AND THAT'S SOMETHING EVEN THIS TOWN HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
I LIKE THIS CHANGE--!

CHANGE COMES IN ALL SIZES-- THE CHANGE THAT RESHAPES A MAN'S WHOLE LIFE, AND THE CHANGE THAT SIMPLY TURNS IT!

CASE IN POINT

I GOTTA ASK YA SOMETHIN', TIGRA-- AS AN OLD FRIEND!

ASK ME ANYTHING, BENJY!

IT'S SO DELICIOUS IN THE SUN, I COULDN'T REFUSE ANYBODY ANYTHING!

Oh-- YEAH! WELL, SEE, YOU HUNG OUT WITH THE FF-- WITH ME AN' JOHNNY, AN' REED 'N' SUE! YOU SAW US TOGETHER, KINDA- A FAMILY, LIKE--

YESSSS--?

WELL, DID YOU EVER THINK THE TORCH MIGHT--

--DO ME SOME REAL DIRT?

WHAT I MEAN IS-- WELL, YOU WACKOS-- WEST COAST AVENGERS-- YOU GUYS SEEM PRETTY TIGHT! YOU AIN'T NO FAMILY, BUT THE OTHERS WENT TA CATLAND FOR YA!

YOU AVENGERS DON'T DO STUFF BEHIND PEOPLE'S BACKS, DO YA?

Uh... WELL...

I MEAN, IF I WUZ TA...

EXCUSE ME-- I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU!

Oh, uh-- BONITA! WE WUZ-- WE WUZ JUST TALKIN' ABOUT CALIFORNIA! TOO BAD I CAN'T GET NO TAN, huh?

SAY-- WHAT'S GOT YOU DOWN?

YEAH-- YOU LOOK LIKE SOMETHING THE CAT DRAGGED IN!

WELL...

HEY! WHERE'D THE SUN GO?

THEY'VE COME-- AND QUICKER THAN I'D THOUGHT THEY WOULD!
THING-- TIGRA-- MEET MY PREVIOUS GROUP--
--THE RANGERS!*
*A GROUP SEEN ONLY ONCE BEFORE, IN HULK #265.

WE HEARD THE *ALARM*, AVENGERS-- WONDY, SHELLHEAD AND HANK MUST HAVE *TAKEN OFF*--

--BUT THIS IS NO *INVASION!* *RED WOLF*-- *HI!* *

THE *COWBOY*, HAWKY-- THAT'S THE *TEXAS TWISTER!* HE WAS ONE OF THE *SHIELD SUPER-AGENTS* ONCE! **

*THEY'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE *AVENGERS* #80.
** AS SHOWN IN *CAPTAIN AMERICA* #217

BUT THE GUY IN THE *BEDSHEET* LOOKS LIKE THE *NIGHT RIDER*-- ONLY I MET HIM ON A *TIME-TRAVEL TRIP* TO THE *OLD WEST*--!*

AND *MANY* THERE ARE WHO BELIEVE THIS MAN TO BE THE *GHOST* OF THAT MAN, HAWKEYE-- WHICH IS WHY HE HAS READOPTED THE NAME-- *GHOST RIDER!*

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'VE MET OUR *FEMALE* COMPANION, *SHOOTING STAR*-- BUT YOU REMEMBER MY WOLF *LOBO*--!

*IN *AVENGERS* #142-143.

SURE I DO! IT'S GREAT TO *SEE* YOU TWO AGAIN!

BUT WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT THE *RANGERS*, RED? WHEN *I* KNEW YOU, YOU WERE A *LONER!**

AS I AM *STILL*, TIGRA! BUT IT APPEARS THAT EACH OF US WHO ONCE BANDED TO-GETHER TO COMBAT THE *HULK* AND THE *CORRUPTOR* RECEIVED THE SAME *PHONE CALL*--

*MARVEL CHILLERS FEATURING *TIGRA* #5-7.

--FROM *FIREBIRD!*

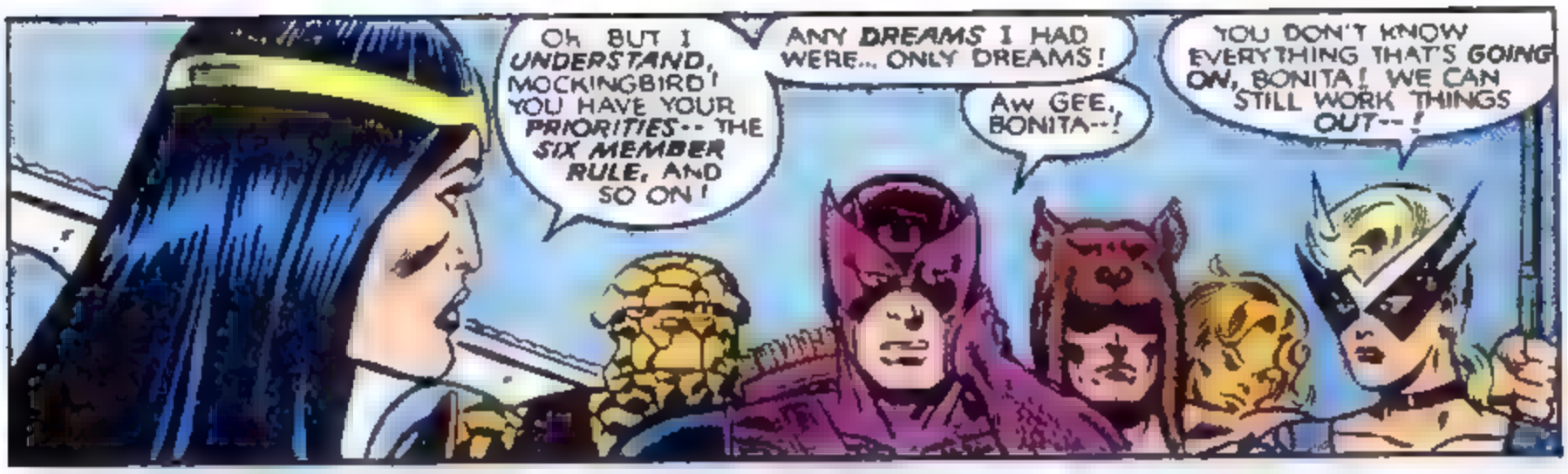
YOU SEE, SHE HAS PROPOSED THAT WE *FIRMLY ESTABLISH OUR-SELVES* AS A SUPER-HERO TEAM IN THE *SOUTHWEST!*

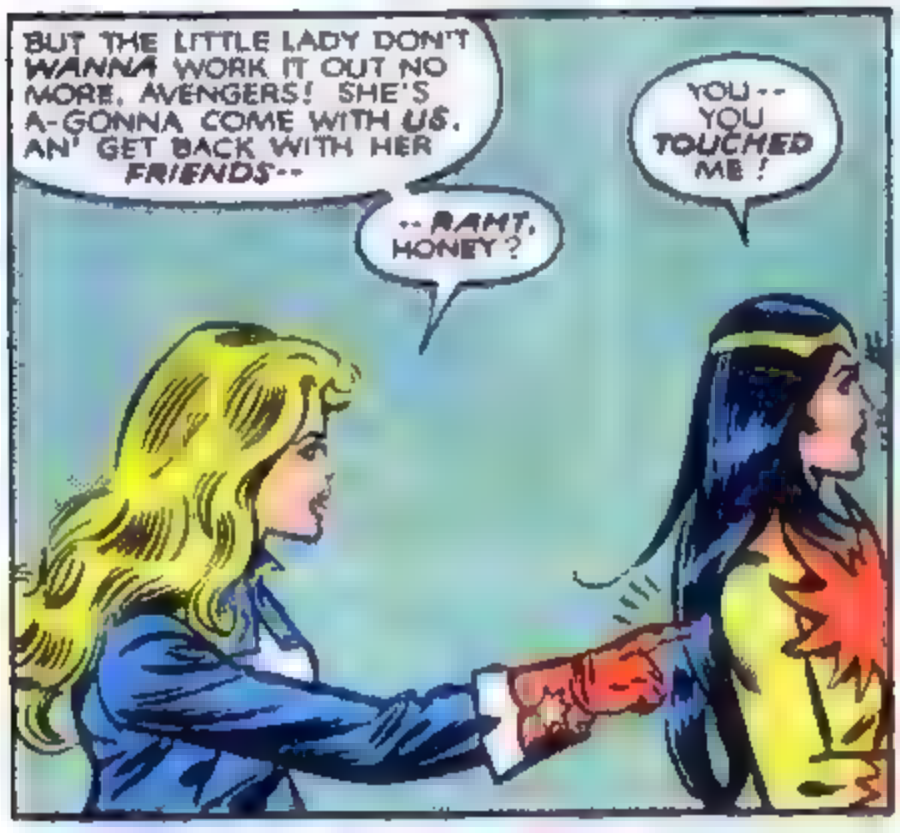
BONITA! YOU'RE *LEAVING*--?

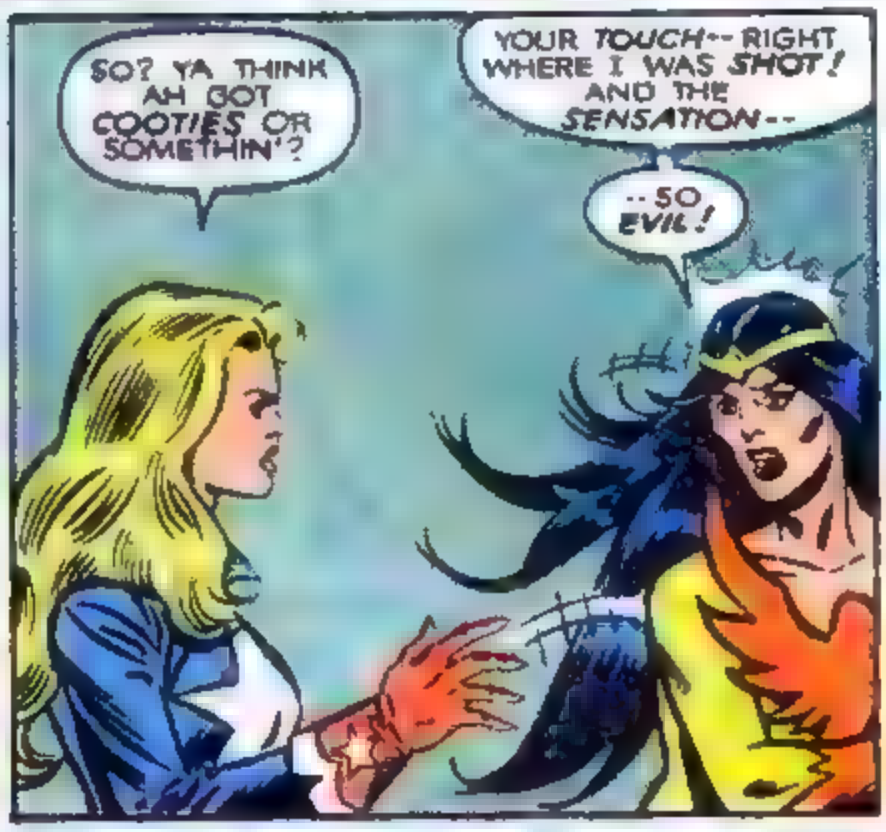
YES, HAWKEYE! I FEEL THAT IT'S *BEST!*

BUT-- I HOPE WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO-- uh--

THAT'S JUST *IT*, SPORT-- YOU DIDN'T *DO ANY-THING!*

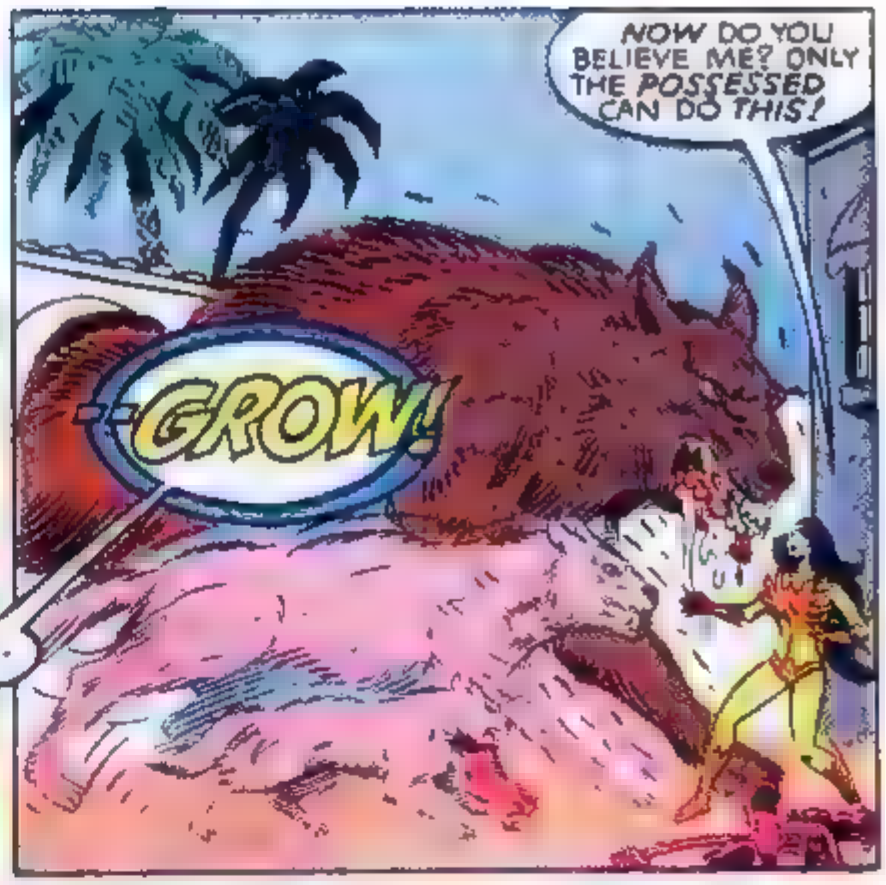

Oh BUT I UNDERSTAND, MOCKINGBIRD! YOU HAVE YOUR PRIORITIES-- THE SIX MEMBER RULE, AND SO ON!
ANY DREAMS I HAD WERE... ONLY DREAMS!
Aw GEE, BONITA--!
YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON, BONITA! WE CAN STILL WORK THINGS OUT--!

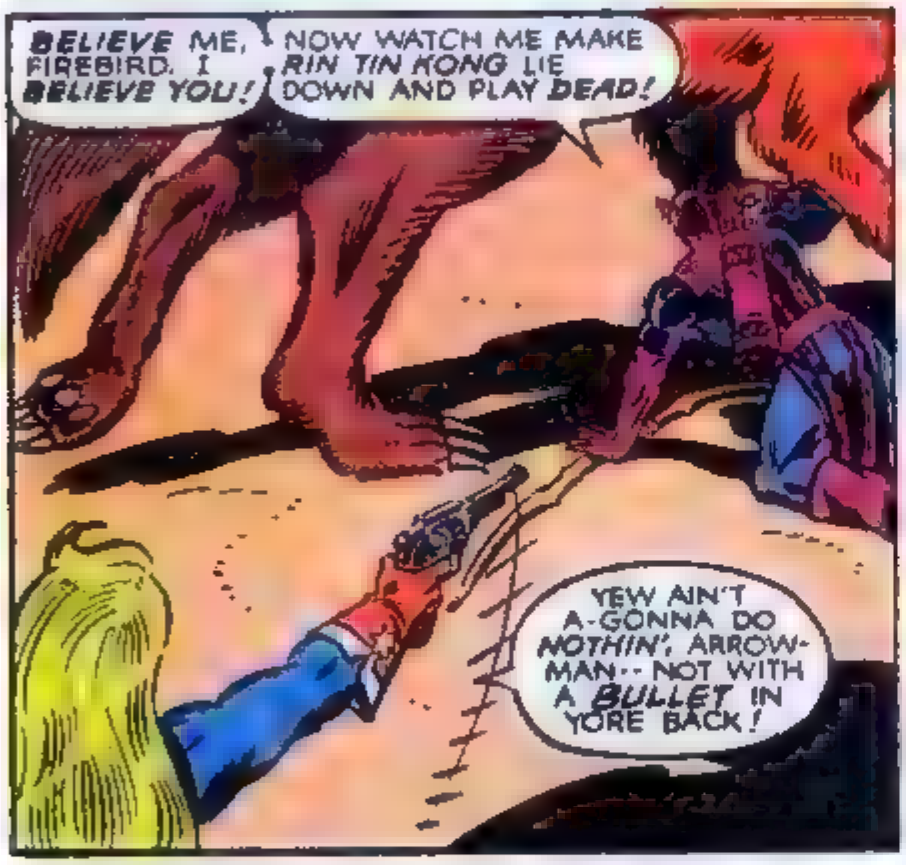

BUT THE LITTLE LADY DON'T WANNA WORK IT OUT NO MORE, AVENGERS! SHE'S A-GONNA COME WITH US, AN' GET BACK WITH HER FRIENDS--
--RAMT, HONEY?
YOU-- YOU TOUCHED ME!

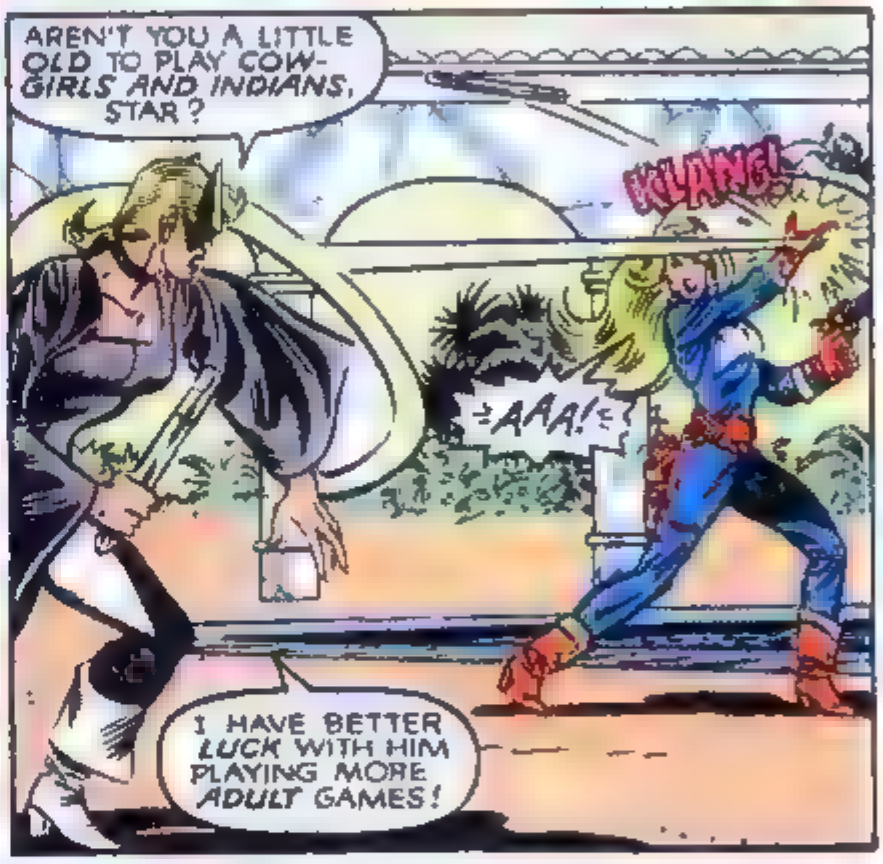

SO? YA THINK AH GOT COOTIES OR SOMETHIN'?
YOUR TOUCH-- RIGHT WHERE I WAS SHOT! AND THE SENSATION--
--SO EVIL!

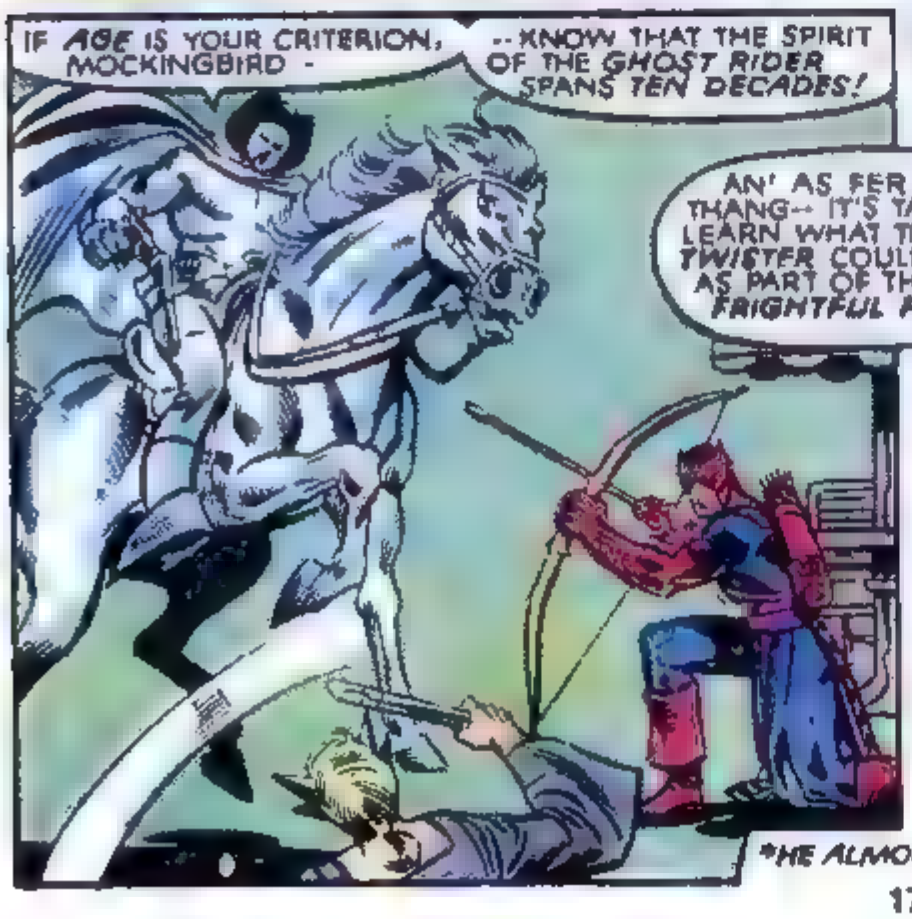
MADRE DE DIOS! SHE'S--
--POSSESSED!

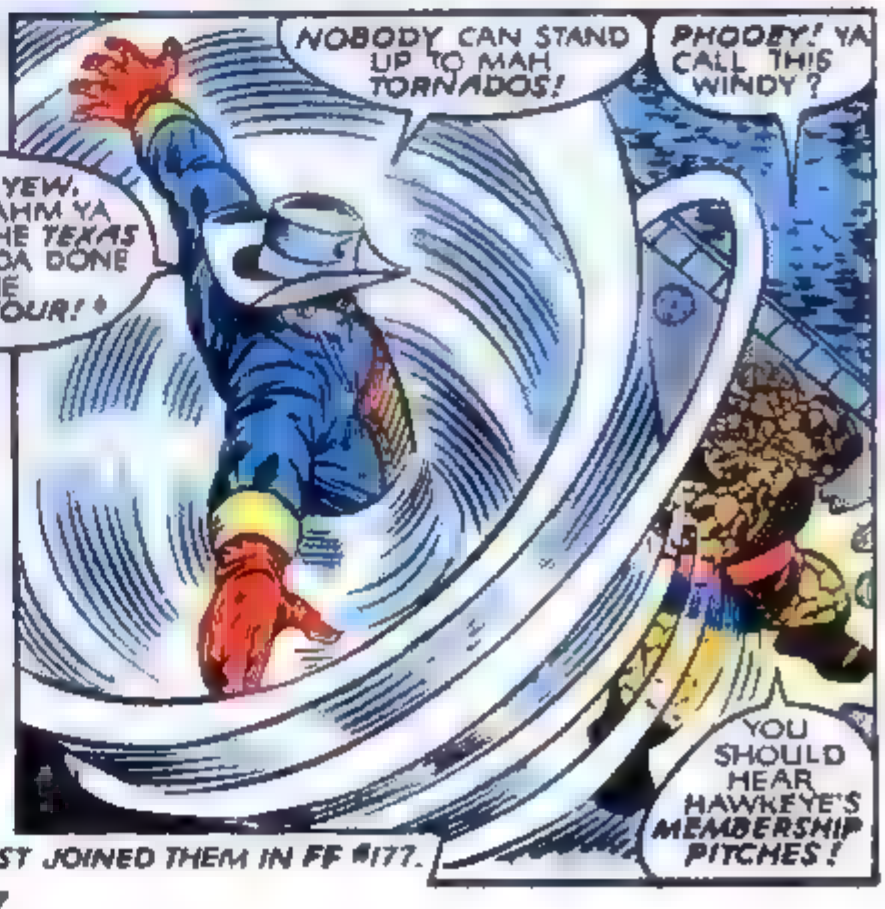
AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!





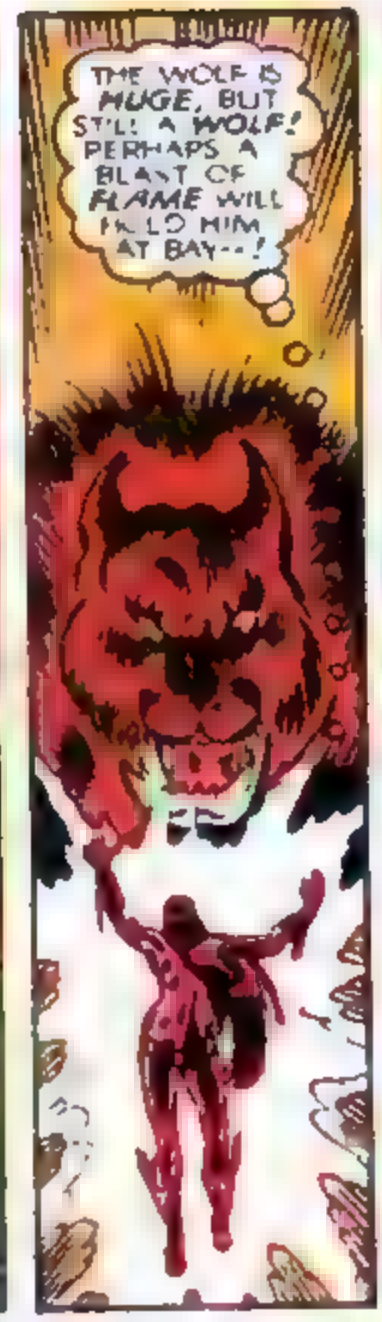






*HE ALMOST JOINED THEM IN FF #177.

WELL I'VE HEARD THEM PLAN, AND I'VE BOUGHT THEM-- SO WHAT EVER'S TURNED RED WOLF AGAINST THE AVENGERS?
--PAST FRIENDSHIPS HAVE TO GIVE WAY TO CURRENT ONES!


THE WOLF IS HUGE, BUT STILL A WOLF! PERHAPS A BLAST OF FLAME WILL HOLD HIM AT BAY--!

UNNHH!
NO--HE'S A WOLF, BUT DRIVEN BY A DEMON!

GEDDOWN HERE WHIRLYBIRD!
THEY ALL ARE!

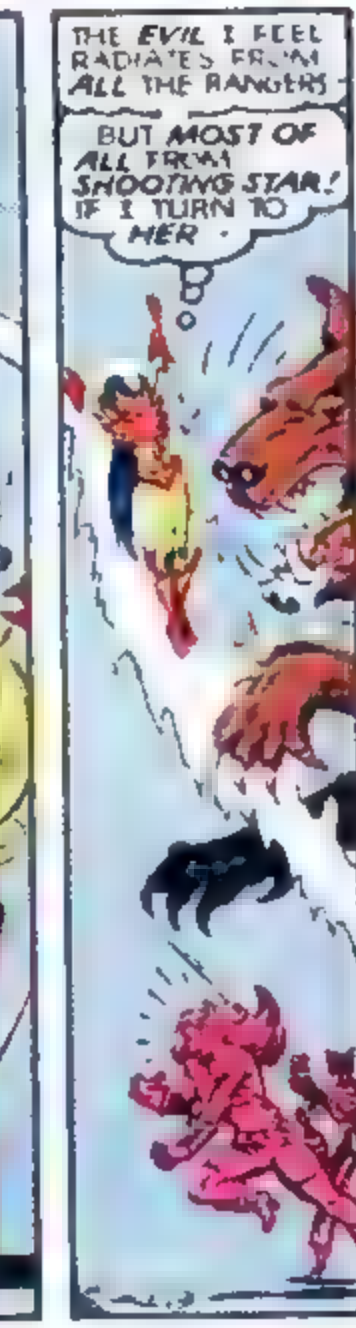
MY SPIRIT SEEMS CLOUDED SOMEHOW!
BUT MY AIM IS AS TRUE AS EVER!

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE, THOUGH--AND I GOT A LOT MORE ARROWS WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

YUH DON'T LIKE "COWGIRLS AN' INJUNS," LITTLE LADY?
HOW 'BOUT "COW-GIRLS AN UN-ARMED FOOLS"?

YOU RE THE FOOL IF YOU THINK I'M UN-ARMED, STAR! AS LONG AS I HAVE MY BATTLE STAVES--

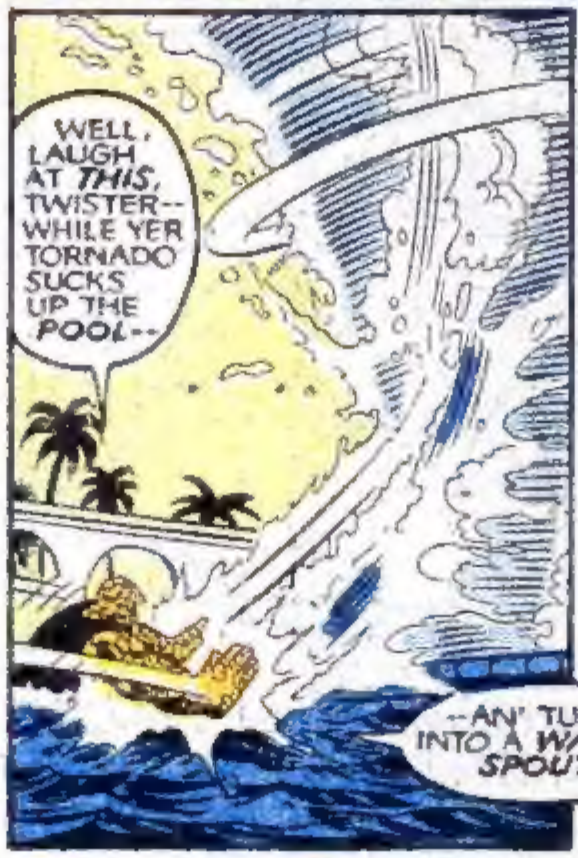
AND MY ATHLETIC PROWESS
--WHO NEEDS GUNS?


THE EVIL I FEEL RADIATES FROM ALL THE RANGERS--
BUT MOST OF ALL FROM SHOOTING STAR! IF I TURN TO HER--

-- I MAY YET BE EATEN BY THE GIANT WOLF, IF I'M NOT CAREFUL!

SOME TOUGH GUY YOU ARE, TWISTER-- FLYIN' AROUND WHERE I CAN'T GET ATCHA!
MAH MAMA DIDN'T RAISE NO IDJITS, THANG! LONG AS AH KIN GIT AT YEW, THAT'LL BE JUS' GOOD ENUF!

HA HA HA HA
SPOSH!


WELL, LAUGH AT THIS, TWISTER-- WHILE YER TORNADO SUCKS UP THE POOL--
--AN' TURNS INTO A WATER SPOUT!

BLAP!
CAIN'T BREATHE!

THE WOLF-SPIRIT WITHIN ME BURNS MORE BRIGHTLY RED THAN EVER BEFORE! NO CAT CAN STAND AGAINST ME!
MAYBE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A FEVER, FELLA --OR THE SAME CLOUDINESS THAT GHOST RIDER MENTIONED!

EITHER WAY, I'LL MATCH THE SPIRIT OF THE TIGRA AGAINST YOUR MANGY CANINE SPOOK ANY DAY!
I'M A WARRIOR, WOLF-MAN! A LEGEND!

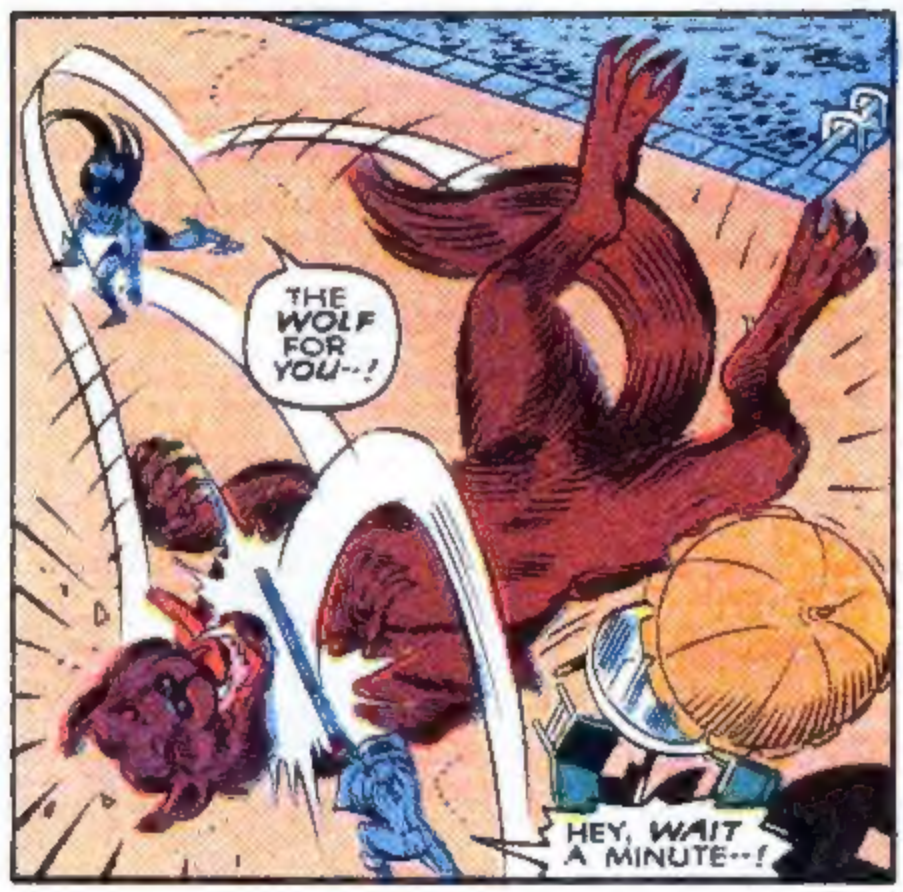
WHUT YA MEAN IS, Y'ALL ARE HISTORY!

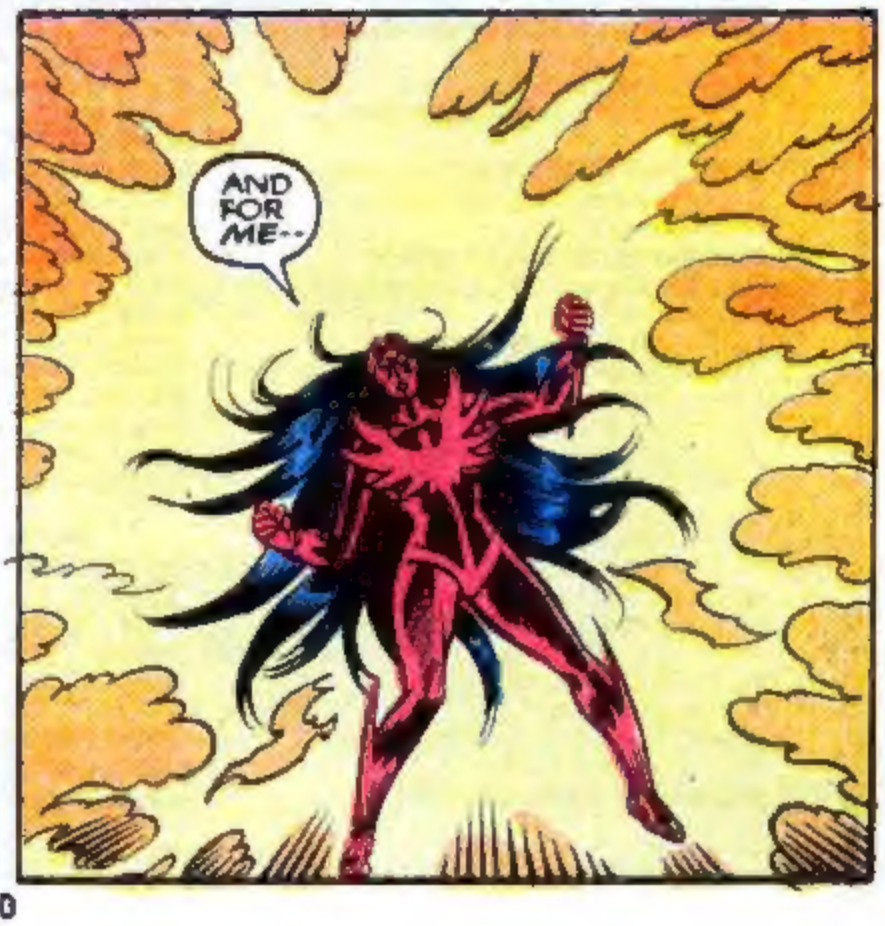
THIS GUY MAY BE HISTORY, OR AT LEAST A REAL GHOST, BUT HE CAN SOLIDIFY WHEN HE WANTS TO!
SO LET'S TRY A SMOKE ARROW, AND MAKE 'IM WANT TO!

YEAH-- HERE HE COMES, DROPPIN' DOWN WHERE HE CAN BREATHE..
BLOK!
--AN' THERE HE GOES!

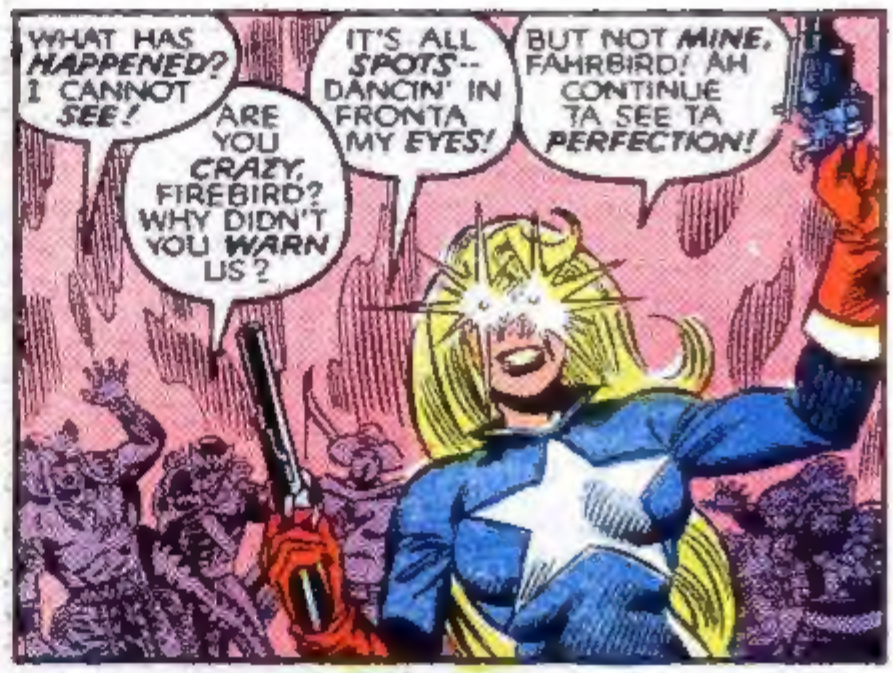
THE AVENGERS ARE WINNING THEIR BATTLES, BUT I STILL CAN'T OVERCOME LOBO!
--PERHAPS BECAUSE I AM DRAWN TO THE EVIL HERE, AND NOT A SPECIFIC FOE!
OF COURSE!

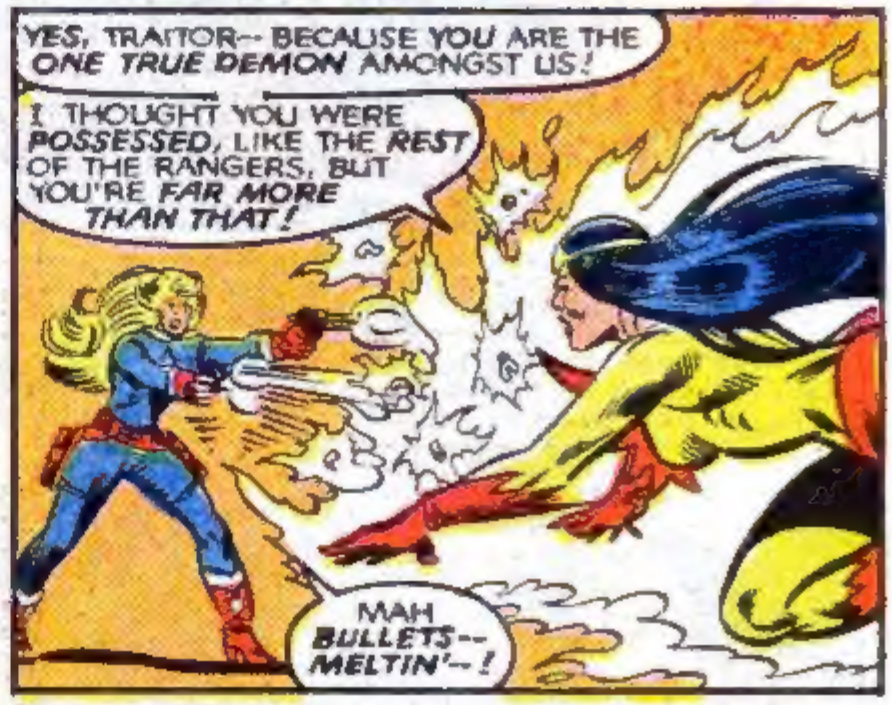
MOCKING-BIRD-- A TRADE, IF YOU PLEASE!
A TRADE--?


THE WOLF FOR YOU--!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE--!


AND FOR ME--

--A SHOOTING STAR!


WHAT HAS HAPPENED? I CANNOT SEE!
ARE YOU CRAZY, FIREBIRD? WHY DIDN'T YOU WARN US?
IT'S ALL SPOTS-- DANCIN' IN FRONTA MY EYES!
BUT NOT MINE, FAHRBIRD! AH CONTINUE TA SEE TA PERFECTION!


YES, TRAITOR-- BECAUSE YOU ARE THE ONE TRUE DEMON AMONGST US!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE POSSESSED, LIKE THE REST OF THE RANGERS, BUT YOU'RE FAR MORE THAN THAT!
MAH BULLETS-- MELTIN'--!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO POSSESSES THEM--
--AND YOU'RE GOING TO STOP, OR I'LL INCINERATE YOUR DEMON-SPIRIT--
--AND YOU KNOW I CAN DO IT!
NO! NO! STOP!

SUDDENLY, IT SEEMS AS IF A COOL BREEZE BLOWS OVER THE COMPOUND-- OR A HEAT WAVE COMES TO AN END...
WHERE-- WHERE AM I?
MY SPIRIT HAS BEEN IN THRALL--!
AH DREAMED AH LOST A FIGHT WITH THE THANG--!
THAT WUZ NO DREAM-- THAT WUZ YER LIFE!

NEXT: MOCKINGBIRD'S SECRET MISSION! THE THING'S BIG DECISION! TIGRA'S CHOICE-- AND MUCH MORE!

HOT PURSUIT!